



## **Chief Mass Communication Specialist Leah Stiles**

### **CNAL Assistant Public Affairs Officer**

Chief Mass Communication Specialist Leah Stiles was born in Albany, New York on April 3, 1979. She attended Ballston Spa High School and joined the Navy on April 10, 2001.

Chief Stiles attended basic training at Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois. Upon completion of boot camp, she reported to Photographer's Mate "A" School at Fort Meade, Maryland.

In January 2002, she reported for duty as a Still Photographer at Visual Information Support Center, Naval Air Station, Oceana Virginia. During her tour there, she was advanced to Petty Officer 3rd Class.

Chief Stiles reported to USS George Washington (CVN-73) (GW) in January 2004 and served as studio photographer, and production supervisor of the photo division. It was on the GW, during the ship's 2004 deployment, that she earned both the Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist (AW) and Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist (SW) designations. She also advanced to the rank of Petty Officer 2nd Class.

In November 2006, she reported to Navy Public Affairs Support Element East, Detachment Southeast located in Mayport, Florida. It was there that she advanced to Petty Officer 1st Class. While there, she earned her Associates of Arts Degree in Communications from Coastline Community College and was selected as the CHINFO Shore Sailor of the year for 2008, and NPASE Shore Sailor of the Year for 2008 and 2009. She was selected to attend the advanced military visual journalism training at Syracuse University for 2011 where she graduated as the Distinguished Honor Graduate. Upon graduation she reported to Expeditionary Combat Camera, Atlantic where she attended SERE school and was selected to Chief. She is currently assigned to Commander, Naval Air Force Atlantic and is pursuing her bachelor's degree in Cultural Studies with a concentration in Media Communications with Empire State University. Chief Stiles is happily married to Yeoman 1st Class Marlando Stiles. Above all, her biggest accomplishment is being the proud parent of four amazing children, Giustina-22, Alexzander-15, Ayanna-11, and Alyvia-7.